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PUBLICATION OF PRO-SYRIAN KUWAITI DAILY AL-RAI-AL-AM WAS SUSPENDED AGAIN JUNE 10 BY GOVERNMENT ORDER, THIS TIME FOR THREE DAYS. GOK SOURCE INFORMS US THAT THE SUSPENSION WAS DUE TO PUBLICATION OF A CARTOON SHOWING AN ARAB SERVING LIQUOR TO OTHER ARABS, IN A PARODY OF THE POPULAR BEDOUIN-BASED KUWAITI CUSTOM OF SERVING COFFEE TO GUESTS. IN THIS CASE, THE SOURCE OF THE BOOZE WAS A LIQUOR CADDY DECORATED WITH THE AMERICAN FLAG. THE IMPRESSION CONVEYED BY THE CARTOON WAS THAT, UNDER US INFLUENCE, ARABS HAVE BECOME HYPOCRITICAL ABOUT RELIGIOUS PROHIBITIONS AGAINST CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL.

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